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Dear Alex,

Thank you for sharing the Hualapai Tribe's concerns pertaining to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) proposed CWA Section 404 program assumption and Underground Injection Control (UIC) program delegation. As was discussed during the Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting held in May, EPA will consult with Arizona Tribes on a government-to-government basis regarding the CWA 404 and UIC program assumption requests, once EPA receives complete applications from the State.

I have encouraged ADEQ leadership to engage directly with Arizona Tribal leadership in order to allow for better understanding of the State's 404 and UIC program proposals and to discuss Tribal concerns. Similarly, I encourage you to reach out to ADEQ – open communication amongst all parties related to these matters is critical to identify and address issues and concerns as early as possible. Again, thank you for outlining your concerns and we will continue to look for opportunities to keep the communication channels open on this issue moving forward.

Have a super weekend.

Best regards,
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